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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

Applicants submit the following preliminary amendment. Applicants request entry of the following amendments prior to examination of the application. Accompanying this amendment is a copy of a Restriction Requirement, dated August 20, 1999, made by the Examiner for the parent application USSN 08/887,977, filed July 3, 1997.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-22, without prejudice.

20 Please add new claims 23-42 as indicated below.

(New) A substantially pure or isolated polypeptide comprising SEQ ID 23. NO:2 or 4, or an antigenic fragment thereof.